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That the Railroads Have Been Starved.

authority as a miracle worker from the outside in in issue and widely debated. railroad properties the comfortable theory that the In this state the question is practically certain to troubles of the railroads with shrinking revenues come before the voters soon. Probably a majority and mounting expenses are largely imaginary. He of both men and women have yet to make up their had intimated repeatedly that if he had charge of minds whether suffrage is wise or not. The sufthe railroad systems all the cares that infest direc- fragists do well to arouse the fullest and freest tors' and stockholders' meetings would fold their debate. tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away. The commission was therefore justified in retain- Diamond Jim and the Glad New Haven ing him as a specialist highly qualified to defead the theory that the railroads instead of being starved and famished have been only for health's sake a little underfed.

sense? In concluding his argument against rate increases before the commission on Friday he said:

On the whole, the net income and net operating revenues of the railroads in official classification territory are smaller than is consistent with their assured prosperity and the welfare of the community, and this is notably true of the Central Freight Association and other Eastern lines. In view of this fact, it is desirable that steps should be taken as promptly as reasonably may be to increase this net revenue.

That is rank heresy from the point of view of the starvation shouters. It is in our opinion not very material that Mr. Brandeis tried to square himself with the commission's programme of the last
way to fortune is my private business, and no one
way to fortune is my private business, and no one
way to fortune is my private business, and no one
shut out group of people to attend its productions

Readers. four years by saying that the carriers' plan for raising additional revenue through increased freight no books. rates is not the best possible plan of recuperation. rates is not the best possible plan of recuperation.

The commission's adviser still clings to the notion built my business. It is my own, and I don't prothat the cutting off of concessions hitherto allowed to industrial spur lines and other administrative reforms will bring in all the additional revenue needed. Let the commission knows as wen as all.

as to keep books have since done what they could judge, between whom and himself there was no fear the commission knows as wen as all.

Brandels does that such an abolition of favors to big industrial plants will work very unequally with to rectify their error. They have burned their books love lost. The judge listened for a while with illdifferent railroads. Some systems may profit considerably, while others will be very little benefited. appealing, however, is the artless figure of Dia-No real remedy for the situation which Mr. Brandeis has himself so graphically described could be found stream, ever bookless and unashamed! in a makeshift which would leave the weaker roads still short of revenue and slowly but surely drift-

industrial spur lines and other legalized favors of a to a suspension of their campaign against Huerta. because it's one of the few subjects of general interest that you ain't supposed to read about in The similar character should be discontinued. Stock- They are not involved directly in the Huerta govholders will be benefited by a stricter supervision ernment's troubles with the United States. Their of the relations of the common carriers to big ship. revolutionary movement has made rapid progress, pers. But the balance between the roads and the Monterey has fallen into their hands at little cost shipping public, upset by a long series of govern- and Saltillo is now the only Huerta outpost left mental demands for safer and costlier service, can in Northern Mexico. be properly restored only by granting the roads They can probably capture Saltillo if they move

the community." The administration is evidently teeas. friendly to an increase, and only the pride of opinion of the Interstate Commerce Commission stands in Wilson administration and the Constitutionalists its way. That pride ought to yield now that the do not justify an insistence in Washington that a chief railroad baiter in Eastern territory, now truce between the Constitutionalists and Huerta's the commission's hired defender, admits openly that forces shall be made a preliminary to mediation. it: present policy of starvation ought to go by the Such a demand could be based only on the theory

going to all the trouble Murphy's boys did to "get ranza and Villa a free band in occupying and orout the vote" for the constitutional convention next ganizing Northern Mexico. year, the project should go astray because they worked too hard. Such a result is easily possible, to judge from District Attorney Whitman's investigation of extraordinary returns from some of the and better plays together discussed at the "drama that he remain off the police force. There's evidence looks like. These young men have been It should be obvious that when the districts here. It would not take a great shift of luncheon" of the City Club the most practical was on what a job in a metropolitan police department is ready to live this life, not one year or noblest sentiments of love and sympathy ballots in districts where irregularities are indi- that suggested by Mr. Walter Prichard Eaton. cated to overcome the slim margin of 1,353 which Reduce the prices, said he, and there'll be no trouble the official canvass showed in favor of the early in getting audiences for good plays where now

Murphy, attacked by Croker a few days after that told him that under present conditions the theatri- battery if the recipient is not willing, but what we election, pointed to its result as a "vindication" and cal managers couldn't be expected to reduce prices proof of the people's confidence in his leadership. much, so the remedy was to be applied in the form Even the "Chief" would feel humiliated if his trusty of a municipal or subsidized theatre, like the one at machine had slipped a cog and the stuffing burst Northampton, Mass. out of his vindication.

Good Ink and Paper Wasted.

Representatives has just reported that in its opin- want. But it is not true that the average audience ion the government wastes about \$1,000,000 a year which makes a play a commercial success is typical indirection. Boston is complimented and still holds its in printing useless documents. That is a good deal of the theatrical taste of the community. There is own.-Denver Times. like telling an old story over again. Every com- a very large element which chooses carefully its mittee or commission that has ever investigated the plays, because it can afford to go seldom, and freoperations of the Government Printing Office has quently omits attending "good" plays-plays labelled From Dully Consular Reports. reported a great waste there-not because of in- "good" and worthy of support by critics, drama efficiency in the office, but because of the reckless- societies and kindred setters of standards-because lish capitalists. Both freight and passenger cars will

and of the average departmental official or Con- good plays more frequently at lower prices. It is of a European automobile works has been studying gressman that the public will not fall for a "Pub. the part of the city's population which fills the conditions in the Crimea to determine the proper type Doc," of some kind as easily as it does for a pack- galleries at the Metropolitan Opera House, patron- of motor to be employed, and definite action will be

The population for each state and city in 1914 art exhibits and free concerts.

have been an increase since 1910 at the average yearly rate of increase prevailing in the decade prior to 1910. The figures represented nothing but an arithmetical calculation which anybody could make in a case in which he was interested. Why Owned and published daily by The Tribune Association.

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Waste money publishing such "estimates"? Matter equally useless except to a microscopic percentage of the public is emitted by other branches of the federal service and finds a resting place in government storage vaults and in the cellars of public

livered speeches in "The Congressional Record." That saving would not be measured in cash alone. .75 It would make "The Record" a true epitome of debate in Congress and force members to abandon the cheap, false pretence of having discussed meas-

If the committee's reforms are adopted the government will be \$1,000,000 in pocket and Congress

Suffrage Day.

Why the suffragists abandoned their annual parade for yesterday's varied skirmishes and small assaults does not appear. Possibly the exceedingly hobbled skirts of the spring fashions were respon-Even Mr. Brandeis Now Admits sible, for modern suffragists must be decked in the latest, and so decked their progress up Fifth avenue would have been a slow and tedious toddle.

The response to the large and small meetings The Interstate Commerce Commission's policy of seems to have been enthusiastic, even if not as starving the railroads into submission must be in compelling a spectacle as the blocked sidewalks at a bad way when Louis D. Brandels washes his last year's parade. Anyway, there is plenty of evihands of it. Mr. Brandels was employed by the dence that the question of granting the ballot to commission as special counsel chiefly for the pur- women has advanced from a position of insignificant pose of bolstering up with the great weight of his agitations by a few radicals to a vital problem keenly

Way.

It was a great moment when Diamond Jim Brady -wearing his Friday set of sparklers-appeared as a witness before the Interstate Commerce Commisamong the prophets of rationality and common sion. His person and his talk, large, genial, freethe whole glad, careless New Haven way of doing

No one accused Mr. Brady of having shared in the large financial transactions of the road now __ fishing excursion, and nothing was caught save the an illuminating thought like this:

I don't want to be bothered with them, and I don't and loyal. give up my business to any soul so long as

Other great men concerned in New Haven finances who so far forget their boyhood way of doing things mond Jim, child of nature, splashing in the golden law all upside down!"

Carranza and the Truce Question.

Carranza and Villa would be strangely unselfish versation? It is highly desirable that the concessions to statesmen if they should consent at this Juneture

some direct general compensation for the larger against it promptly, and its fall would make it imburdens which they have been forced to assume. possible for Huerta to defend Tampico much longer. An increase of freight rates for all would be only Carranza is already planning to move the Constifair-so fair that many large bodies of shippers tutionalist capital from Chihuahua to Monterey. are heartily in favor of it. The country wants to Long before any settlement by mediation could be see rates advanced because it realizes that the expected the revolutionists, by continuing fighting, present situation is not "consistent with the as- could dislodge the Federals as far south as the he sured prosperity of the roads and the welfare of line from Tampico to San Luis Potosi and Zaca-cinnati Enquirer

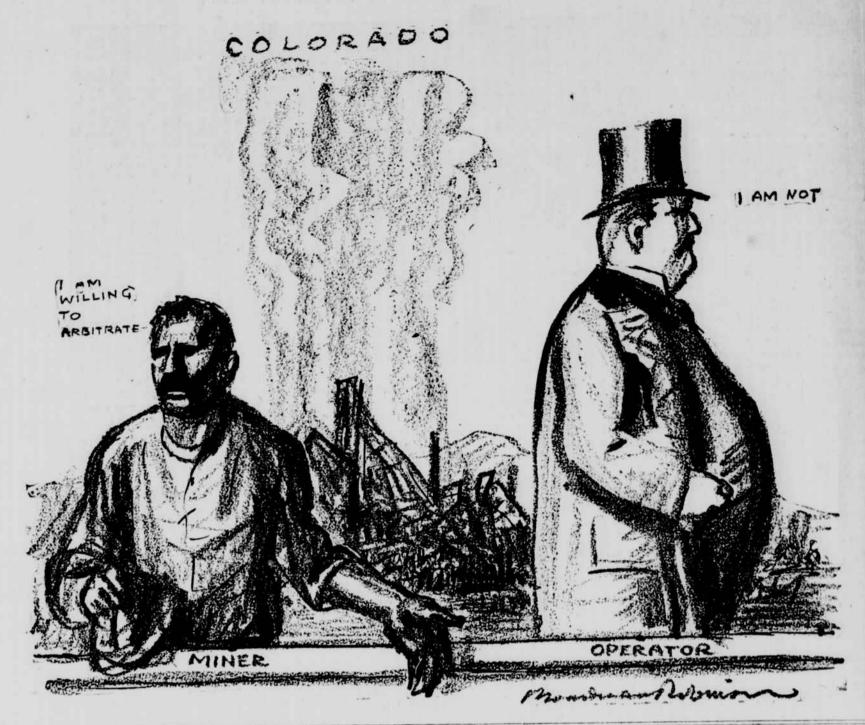
The relations which have existed between the of destruction, is being turned into food. An experi- dripping brow, to toil up rocky steeps that the United States is going to undertake a theroughgoing intervention in Mexico. Events adding to the country's food supply it is theroughly haps to fill up ditches with their bodies may drive Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan to that The Constitutional Convention in Doubt. course, but clearly against their will. So far as It would be a sad thing for Tammany if, after they have gone their policy logically allows Car-

The Drama "Uplift."

Of the various ways for bringing better audiences audiences exist for popular ones. His experience

"Reform" in stage affairs, like reform everywhere else, must go from the bottom up, not from the top down, if it is to be worth a continental. The au-The Committee on Printing of the House of dience, the purchasers, will always get what they ess with which the publication of useless matter the family treasury is low. That is the element Mr. be operated, and in some towns automobile omnibuses authorized. It is hard to get it through the Eaton would bring into the theatre to see more will be run. Later the company expects to extend its izes the 50-cent seats at the Century, and the bal-We called attention a few days ago to the publiconies at Carnegie Hall, when the treasury's surlication and circulation of "dope" population fig- plus permits. It is made up of the people who ures for the states and cities of the United States. | thankfully absorb the benefits of the city's libraries,

AT THE BAR OF PUBLIC OPINION.



under scrutiny. His examination was frankly a and well as it carried out its policy of giving artistle productions to "good" plays, failed because it was effulgence of the witness's personality. But turning topheavy. Emphasis was laid on the boxholder end that effulgence upon the whole situation, we find of the audience rather than on the balcony, and the attendance dwindled. No worthy theatrical enter-I have made my money during the forty-four years prise which reverses the emphasis and through pubknows anything about it. For that reason I keep need ever fear being without audiences intelligent To the Editor of The Tribune.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

A lawyer was arguing a case before a certain bled together by accident and held by "Tut! tut! Mr. W---, you have your points of

"I don't doubt that they seem so to your honor," replied Mr. W., "but you'll think differently when tion, disease or death.

"Why is the weather so fascinating a topic of conreplied Farmer Corntossel, "I suppose it's tude designed to eradicate originality

because it's one of the few subjects of general in- usually successful. you can pretend to understand it,"-Washington Star

Thrifty housewives are now taking measures to damned spade. keep the housefly from the immicile, so as to avoid the perplexing problem of getting rid of them. "Flies," remarked one woman recently," are a tremendous nuisance. When one gets into a cup of coffee it makes me fairly miserable to see it."

"Makes you miserable!" exclaimed her listener. "Well, don't you think it makes the fly more so?"

Where is that barber who used to have the end chair?" asked the customer.
"We had to let him go," replied the boss.

Whaddy ya mean, talent?" asked the customer. "He got so he illustrated his stories with cuts when thing and spring to arms. These youths

Brown gunpowder, manufactured for the purpose

menter has found that it makes an excellent fertilizer for garden vegetables, as it contains about 80 per cent of potassium nitrate. Large quantities of the powder, made for navy use, have been displaced by the newer smokeless powder, and the govcroment authorities sought a way of utilizing the discarded explosive. In its new employment of wet and worked into the soil. "That man is always eptimistic."

had too much talent."

"He doesn't do anything, and he seems to think he These young men have known that war melancholy Colorado incidents should going to be able to live at it always."-Chicago means all this and more besides, that it evoke our pity rather than our anger.

NEW YORK FROM THE SUBURBS.

A New York man is suing a woman for \$10,000 a year which he declares she promised him on condition ling a chance to see what a Mexican army miners or even themselves.

Huerta says of Villa has not been translatable into war is ended. Mexico subjugated and their English so far.-Philadelphia Press,

A New York judge has held a kiss to be assault and would like to see would be the judge's description of the kiss where she is willing .- Florida Times-Union.

We have not seen New York's Exhibition of Bad Taste, but if it doesn't include a crayon portrait of Aunt Emma on a gold easel and a cluster of gilded cattails in a jardiniere made out of a hand-painted sewer pipe it isn't complete.-Boston Transcript.

New York, claiming to be the literary centre of the nation, boastfully declares that "it is to-day what Boston was half a century ago." That may be true, but lives to prevent the symbol of their faith Boston has progressed during those fifty years; thus, by from being laughed at by a Mahometan,

AUTO TRANSPORTATION IN THE CRIMEA.

communication in the Crimea has been formed by Engactivities into other parts of Russia. A representative taken as soon as the government approval of the plans

HERE'S AN EARLY PEA

Mr. and Mrs. Pea are the happy parents of a baby in our proportion of murders to the popuboy, arrived last Thursday. Mrs. Pea's mother, of lation. Every year we let 600,000 citizens was nicely figured out on the basis that there must The New Theatre, praiseworthy as was its aim Gridley, is caring for them.—Burlington Republican, die from preventable, causes by fire, will be the first to forgive her, and Mr.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

An Open Forum for Public Debate.

A FEW DEFINITIONS

Sir: A suffragist is a woman awakened;

a militant is a woman scorned. loves her work.

A father is a stranger who supports the

Home is the prison of the family.

good men bad and bad men worse. A reformatory is a prison which changes soft young fools into hard old criminals.

A judge is a substitute for God.

A baby is the world's youngest tyrant. Education is a system of mental servi- have 5,000,000 and more illiterates of our

country from doing right. A cynic is one who calls a spade a

FIGHTING FOR THE FLAG

Pacifist View of What Young Patriots Should Do.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: During the last ten days when seemed imminent scores of thousands of young men in college, shop and farm have eagerly offered to abandon everyshaving people," explained the boss,-Cin- have been valiantly ready to wade through pestilential swamps, to march over burning sands with swollen feet and through prickly cactus, to ford rivers where bridges have been burned, to drink foul water or go with parched lips and tongue, to be bedfellows with lizards and be eaten by gnats and mosquitoes; to change their linen once a month; to be barriers when fighting begins, and peras Japanese soldiers did, to be ground To the Editor of The Tribune under the feet of those who followed Sir:

two merely, but many of them stand provoke perfectly nice individuals to Villa says that Hueria is "a little drunkard." What ready to serve their country until the younger brothers are sent out to take their places to keep it subjugated.

This devotion to country, this readiness to give life itself for "the honor of the flag" would be very splendid if by the people who constitute the nation whose see them go. symbol the flag is. A generation of flag salutes and singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" has developed an adoration of our symbol which far exceeds the reverence for any symbol of our religious faith How many sophomores would risk their or broken by a mob?

Now, if this fervor and outburst of pleas to be allowed to serve one's country means anything more than juvenile yearning for adventure and excitement we shall test it in the days that follow fast should mediation prevent the call to slaughter peons, fighting the great capitalists of their country who have taken their oldtime garden plots and turned these peasants into serfs upor hactendas of a million acres.

During the period in which about 20 Americans and English have been killed -not by executive order, but incidentally owing to troublous times-about 27,000 persons have been murdered in our ow republic. We stand practically at the bottom of the list among civilized nations

is about the number lost by both battle simple expedient of and disease in four years of our Civil madam

comprehend what these simple statements for dreaming plans for the regeneration mean? If so, can he do a larger pa- of the world should command respect and A mother is an unpaid servant, who triotic service than in enlisting his class- good salaries. It is their province to stir mates to turn their exuberance at the up the mud which sinks to the lower thought of fighting for the flag into an strata of life, and makes the whole state equal exuberance in fighting for our coun- unhealthy. The hard headed, practical The family is a group of people assem- try? Let him arouse as much arder in men should find a way to filter the mess. young man in stamping out the curse That is what they are for of "white slavery" here in our midst as he has to hang Villa for his soldiers' prison is an institution for making insults to some women. Let him be as eager to root out the causes of anarchy in Colorado as to carry a hundredfold more anarchy into Mexico than now ex-Poverty is a crime punishable by starva- ists there in order to punish Huerta and Carranza. Let these young, ardent patriots who want to blaze a path for the schoolmaster into Mexico recall that we To the Editor of The Tribune.

> of country, not where it would be most thought and styles of architecture are so needed. How many of those who are

> pared" have the grit to do the patient. lots in The Bronx, at the same distance town council and state legislature in the as the result of such election the price symbol which no foreigner, but only an whom Brooklyn has recently harbored

Boston, April 30, 1914.

torn to bloody shreds upon barbed wire Fanatics Should Be Protected and

American, would be able to dishonor

PRO PATRIA.

The exhibition of bad taste that

is being seen in connection with the means facing an unseen foe with sharp- The mourners do not seem to realize that shooters in trees and crags picking off Mr. Rockefeller is just as much a victim the officers, and perhaps it means ampu- of the false ideals which have gradually tation of a leg or arm without ever hav- instituted the capitalistic system as the

> mourn publicly, to stamp, spit and call names, something is wrong, and it is to the interest of every one to find out just what it is.

that seizing agitators and running them off to jail does not produce any lasting flag they meant the welfare of 90,000,000 benefits, though it amuses office boys to Agitators in any walk of life are the

most vital sign of life in the body politic. It is from the fanatics that all great changes proceed, though their efforts do not give us joy in every detail.

Let them be permitted and protected to the utmost. Naughty words are the express themselves completely in the more delicate forms of speech. Let Mr. Rockefeller be permitted and protected, To the Editor of The Tribune. too. The inconvenience of such demoncreate-the ideal of wealth.

It is not for the little people to break the machine. They can but dream and demonstrate. When they can show why that voting of all citizens in Colorado is and should be overthrown, the great ones are striking, are so ridiculous that we cause they understand it better.

If a sweet lady in a moment of great "Woman's place is in the home," "sale emotion speaks rudely to a negro elevator is so overburdened she has no time to boy, one should take into account the fact prepare to vote," "will disrupt families that by means of one simple murder she if both may vote," "prevent bearing and is about to bring peace and good will to all rearing children" and like nonsense mankind at once-no waiting. The negro

tuberculosis, typhoid, accident, foul milk. | Rockefeller can be protected from the occupational diseases and the like. This practical part of the programme by the

Has any college student the power to great capitalists' best assets. Their faculty

STEPHEN HAWEIS. New York, May 1, 1914.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH **BROOKLYN?**

Envious Critic Jeers at the

Righteous Borough.

Sir: Judson G. Wall's plaint of the own that we cannot look after, and conwoes of Brooklyn might well, if the war a year of their life to teach English to of a journalistic quiz-What is the matter Lawrence factory workers or the alpha- with Brooklyn? Why should the mere bet to Kentucky mountaineers or Ala- passage over a muddy and turbulent estuary constitute a journey to a foreign The only test of patriotism is service country where modes of speech, habits of

noisy and exciting, but where it is most fundamentally different from Manhattan? Mr. Wall complains that the price of doing target practice in order to "be pre- lots in Brooklyn is only one-third that of unpaid task which will bring no titles, or from City Hall, and with truly Brooklyn medals, or pensions, or poems, or statues, reasoning he proposes as a remedy the but which means sentry duty in every election of a Brooklynite for Governor. If land and which challenges every sus- lots goes up it would be good for the land picious movement there of our ever-pres- owners, but what of the tenants? A serient foes? Now is the time to test how ous obstacle in the way of his proposal many have the rarest and most needed would be the impossibility of getting a type of patriotism, and how many have majority of the electors to agree on any the commonest spectacular type which one for the place. Even Gaynor, genertingles with fine frenzy for war about a ally conceded to be the greatest man

(not produced), could not get a majority

of the electorate. But does not Mr. Wall know that if it were not cheaper to live in Brooklyn than NAUGHTY WORDS A SAFETY VALVE anywhere else nobody would live there? With its unrelated communities scattered over a monotonous sandbar, it superinduces a Bœotian dulness, which is not un fitly known as Brooklynosis. Poor wanderers from Manhattan, afflicted with impecuniosity and philoprogenitiveness, are sometimes forced to live there. For some years they struggle against submersion in the universal duiness, but usually without success. Finally they give up the struggle and join the local church or the tax of man has conceived nothing more

> bromidic. Indeed, the borough generally may be regarded as the native home of the bromide. He is so numerous that even

> his existence is not suspected. Brooklyn was consolidated with New York, but never assimilated. It "enjoys the disadvantage of rural and urban life without the advantages of either. The larger it grows the more unwieldy and hopeless it becomes. It does not seem as if it can ever become a city any more

> than Arabia has become a nation. So, in the interest of municipal progress, please start something. Offer a prize for the best answer to the question What is the matter with Brooklyn, and is there any help for it?

A. RUBBER PLANT. New York, May 1, 1914.

The Kindergarten of Suffrage.

Sir: Mrs. Blake, in to-day's Tribune, strations is part of the price he has to strikes the nail squarely on the head in pay for success in manipulating the great saying the Anti-Suffrage Society is the machine we have all done something to kindergarten of the suffrage association. Also such statements as that, "If women vote the man will sneak in and out the back door like a guilty plumber." and how the present system of life can a failure, because a lot of miners (men) will do it far better than they can, be- begin to go over the whole list of slogans which we had swailowed without noticins